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Dear Joshua:

Of course I am glad that you made the comment in your recent letter concerning my paper on the scope of genetics. You are correct, and I am grateful for this correction. What I had in mind when I wrote the article was as I realize now, not work on DNA, but what I thought was work accomplished on the tobacco mosaic virus, in crystalline form. I had thought that the various chemical mutants which were investigated by Knight had been obtained after treatment "in the test tube". However, a conversation with Knight clarified the point that this has really not yet been accomplished to anybody's full satisfaction.

Hope to see you soon, with best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Curt

Curt Stern

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